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In Re Application of )  
Hajime Kamura )  
Serial No.: 09/631,067 )  
Filed: August 1, 2000 )  
For: Front Light And Electronic Device )  
Art Unit: 2875 )  
Examiner: B. Zeade )

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**RESPONSE (C) (AFTER FINAL)**

Sir:

Applicant has the following response to the Final Rejection of September 10, 2000

Applicant appreciates the allowance of Claims 2, 5-7, 9-11, 15 and 18-27. Applicant will now address the Examiner's remaining rejection.

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner is maintaining the rejection of Claims 1, 3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 20 and 23 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Beeson et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, in the Final Rejection, the Examiner contends that Beeson discloses a light guide plate (6/82) and a plurality of prism-shaped lenses (80/28) each being in contact with a lower surface of the light guide (6/82). Applicant disagrees.

Reference numeral 82 in Beeson is a substrate which is to serve as a spacer between the microlenses 80 and the microprisms 28 (see col. 8, lns. 44-46 in Beeson). It is not a light guide plate, as recited in the claimed invention. Further, as shown in Fig. 7 in Beeson, the alleged prism shaped

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lenses 80/28 are not in contact with waveguide 6. Hence, Beeson does not disclose or suggest the claimed limitation of "a plurality of prism-shaped lenses each being contact with a lower surface of the light guide plate."

Accordingly, the rejected claims are patentable over this reference, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection now be withdrawn.

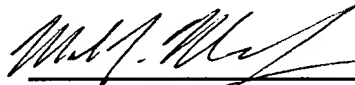
#### Conclusion

As there are no other rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this response, please charge our deposit account no. 50-1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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